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**Saunier et al.**

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**Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C.  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements that was mailed on May 4, 2005, a Declaration of the Inventors is attached herewith.

A sum of \$130.00 for a late Declaration was included with the initial filing fee for the 371 filing on February 15, 2005. Accordingly, no fee is believed due for consideration of this Declaration of the Inventors. However, if the Commissioner determines that an additional fee is required for consideration of this Declaration of the Inventors, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/15/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/15/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/15/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 02/15/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions

of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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